

**MAINTAINING SCOTLAND'S ROADS**

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**1. SUMMARY**

Audit Scotland issued a national report towards the end of November 2004 entitled, "Maintaining Scotland's Roads". The national report did not have any implementation dates assigned to its 9 recommendations. The Head of Roads & Amenity Services prepared an action plan incorporating the report's recommendations and added a further 3 to reflect dependent issues. The Head of Service commenced reporting to the Audit Committee and Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) in December 2004. Set out below is the current implementation position in respect of the Action Plans for 2005/06 & 2006/07.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 The contents of this report are noted and to be followed up by Internal Audit.

**3. DETAILS**

3.1 As at the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2006, there are 2 recommendations remaining to be implemented from the 2005- 2006 Action Plan as set out in Appendix 1. Management have reported ongoing progress towards the new implementation dates of June and September 2006.

3.2 As at the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2006, of the 12 recommendations set out in the 2006 – 2007 Action Plan attached in Appendix 2, management have reported 4 of the 12 recommendations complete. For the remaining 8 recommendations management have assigned new implementation dates for 4, citing resource, IT systems and external issues for the extended implementation dates. Of the remaining 4 recommendations management have reported to Internal Audit that 3 are progressing and one has not yet commenced, having an implementation date of March 2007.

**4. CONCLUSION**

Progress with the implementation of recommendations will continue to be reported by Internal Audit.

**5. IMPLICATIONS**

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| 5.1 | Policy:              | None |
| 5.2 | Financial:           | None |
| 5.3 | Personnel:           | None |
| 5.4 | Legal:               | None |
| 5.5 | Equal Opportunities: | None |

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